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Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-8 p.m.
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9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday
12-6 p.m.

SPRING CLOSURES

Friday, April 4
Sunday, April 20
Monday, May 26

BOARD MEETINGS

Third Tuesday every month
March 18 / April 15 / May 20
4:30 p.m.
Library's Jones Meeting Center

Learn about Library leadership at jcpl.org/board-of-directors.

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Save the Date!

130th Birthday Party

Thursday, May 1 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Polly Peterson Room

Your Library is turning 130 years old this May and we want to celebrate with you! All ages are invited to drop in throughout the program to enjoy birthday cake and hear 13 special guest readers (one for each decade!) read aloud from beloved books.



A Season of Possibility

As we enter the spring season, a time of growth and possibility, we're also celebrating your Library's 130th birthday. Our founding and history are marked by the same sense of possibility we feel every spring as the weather warms and the world becomes green again.

In 1893, a group of Johnson City women visited the World's Fair in Chicago. They were so inspired by the world of possibility they found there that they started a reading club, a group dedicated to learning and growing together.

A member of the group, Mrs. Ida M. Crandall, wrote in 1893, "The Monday Club was organized for the study of Art, History, and Literature in general. The lack of reference books brought about our determination to found a library. Each member of the club wished it, and were a unit to this."

The Monday Club was, and continues to be, a group of tenacious women. They worked tirelessly to establish Johnson City's first library, which opened May 1, 1895. As your Library celebrates 130 years of community service and a commitment to empowering people through knowledge, we wish to honor our founding mothers.

The women of the Monday Club planted the seeds that would grow Johnson City Public Library. They believed that reading for personal betterment and growth was something to be taken seriously and pursued. Along the way, club members invested in our community one seemingly small step at a time.

Whether introducing Children's Reading Time in 1911 or free public internet access in 1996, your Library has carried the value of community empowerment in its heart. I invite you to explore the many opportunities for growth and connection available at your Library this spring.

Julia Turpin, Library Director



Who We Are Empowering

Your Library is driven by values that determine the decisions we make and the culture we create.

One of the cultural values that guides our organization is "empowering." We foster lifelong learning and education because we know that knowledge is power. We give people equal access to quality information and tools they need to learn, imagine, and succeed. We believe that nurturing discovery at every age is essential for continual growth.

One way we empower our users is by providing access to **Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL)**. This extensive virtual database connects Tennesseans with free resources to help them learn and succeed at every life stage. **Elementary school kids** find homework help and educational activities. **High school, college, and graduate students** get access to reputable research databases and academic test prep. **Adults** discover high quality tools for both professional growth and personal development. From vocational exam prep and resume building, to language learning and genealogy databases, adults of every age can expand their life opportunities and knowledge base. Explore TEL today at jcpl.org under the 'Digital Resources' tab.

Find the rest of our organizational values at jcpl.org/mission-and-values.

Adult Events

(AGES 18 AND OLDER)

Event Key

R Registration required at jcpl.org

D Drop in any time during program

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES WITH AI

Tuesday, March 11 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center

Join marketing expert and educator Joe McKenna for an informative session about artificial intelligence (AI). McKenna will share his knowledge on the current state of AI, how it's positively impacting our region, and how to use it in your daily life.

TAX SEASON SIMPLIFIED

Thursday, March 20 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Gain practical insights from Talley Financial's CEO David Talley to simplify tax planning, save money, maximize deductions, and optimize business taxes. This talk will give individuals and business owners tailored strategies to transform tax season into a chance for financial growth.

POETRY WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 2 • 6 p.m. • Polly Peterson Room **R**

Meet with local writers to grow your poetry skills and share your work. Poets Lydia Gwyn and Sarah Bull will offer guided exercises and writing prompts in a supportive and creative environment.

LIVING GREENER

Tuesday, April 8 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Learn to live a greener lifestyle with Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council's Ashley Cavender. Discover eco-friendly habits, explore cost-effective sustainable alternatives, and discover how small changes, like water conservation, recycling, and composting, make a big impact.

SPANISH AT YOUR LIBRARY

Every Thursday • 6 p.m. Jones Meeting Center

Practice your Spanish speaking skills in a supportive conversation group led by bilingual volunteers. Spanish speakers of all fluency levels are encouraged to help each other grow.

JOHNSON CITY DEATH CAFE

Saturdays, March 8 / May 10 • 2 p.m. Jones Meeting Center

Meet with others in an open and compassionate conversation about grief and loss. Share your experience with a caring group and know that you are not alone.

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES STORYTIME

Mondays, March 10 / April 14 / May 12 • 11 a.m. • Jones Meeting Center

Adults with disabilities and their caregivers enjoy a captivating story and engage in a creative hands-on activity. This welcoming program inspires imagination and connection.

FIBER ARTS GROUP

**Fridays, March 14 and 28 / April 11 and 25 / May 9 and 23
2:30-4:30 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **D****

Bring your fiber art supplies and dive into current projects while connecting with fellow fiber artists. Share tips and ideas in a creative atmosphere.



A Conversation with Sharyn McCrumb

Thursday, May 15 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center

SHARYN MCCRUMB is a New York Times bestselling and award-winning Appalachian author who lives in Virginia's Blue Ridge. She has received national acclaim and is best known for her "Ballad" novels, fictional reimaginings of true historical stories set in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

McCrumb's talk at the Library will focus on the "Ballad" series. Her books will be for sale and she'll sign copies afterward. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Johnson City Public Library.

We talked with McCrumb about her writing inspiration, creative process, and historical ties to Appalachia.

Your family has lived in Appalachia since the 1790s. How does this deep connection to our region shape your love of stories and approach to storytelling?

Storytelling is an intrinsic part of Appalachian culture, and we come by it honestly. The region's early settlers, who came from Scotland and Ireland, had a strong bardic tradition. They used stories to pass along the traditions, values, and history of their people in a narrative form that listeners would remember.

You can find versions of these traditional stories still around today, although they have been changed to fit a new environment. The tale of St. Mungo of Glasgow, who caught a salmon in the Firth of Clyde and found a ring inside it, turned into an Appalachian tale about a Tennessee farmer who discovers a gold ring while catching a trout in a mountain stream. The story is the same; only the details change.

What are some of the characteristics of this region that have captured your literary imagination?

I am most captivated by the connections. This region is full of metaphorical kudzu. If you pull on one vine, it always leads you somewhere else.

The greatest connection is the geologic one. Go back far enough—450 million years ought to do it—and you will find that the Appalachian Mountains were connected to the mountains of western Britain. The continents were configured differently and the Atlantic Ocean didn't exist yet, but the evidence of that connection is still present.

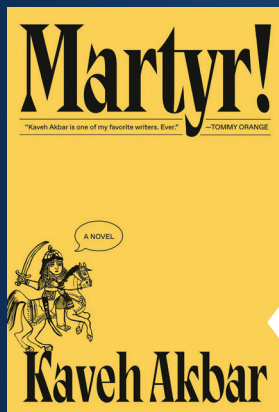
The human connections are equally intricate and surprising. The Appalachian frontier wasn't a populous place, and the same families continue to turn up throughout the decades.

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Booked for Lunch: "Martyr!"

Tuesday, May 6 • 12 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center

Bring your own lunch and join Library Director Julia Turpin to discuss "Martyr!" by Kaveh Akbar. The Library has limited copies of the book for participants to keep; pick one up at the first-floor Circulation Desk while supplies last.



"'Martyr!' is a compelling story written by an already notable and widely published poet, Kaveh Akbar. I think readers will appreciate Akbar's writing style as much as they enjoy this enthralling debut novel."

Julia Turpin, Library Director

PRINTED PHOTO ORGANIZING WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 24 • 1 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Learn how to organize your printed photos in this hands-on workshop led by professional organizer Angie Hyche. Bring a small collection of your photos and leave with the tools and knowledge you need to begin your organization journey. This event is generously sponsored by the Watauga Association of Genealogists.



Events may be subject to change. Please confirm details at jcpl.org/events.

Teen Events

(AGES 12-18)

PAPERMAKING

Wednesday, March 5 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Create beautiful upcycled paper in this hands-on session. Using papermaking frames, scrap paper, and blenders, you'll make your own parchment to take home. All materials will be provided.

PIZZA NIGHT

Wednesday, March 19 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Build delicious topping combinations to enjoy at this tasty pizza class. We'll make our favorite 'za while learning the history of this popular dish. All materials will be provided.

Event Key

R Registration required at jcpl.org

D Drop in any time during program

Homework Cafe

Every Monday until April 28
3-5 p.m. • Teen Space **D**

Come by after school to do your homework. Library staff are available to help find research materials, and snacks are provided!

SEVERE STORMS WITH MARK REYNOLDS

Wednesday, April 2 • 6 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center **R**

Get a birds-eye view of severe storms, weather maps, and tracking methods with WJHL's Chief Meteorologist Mark Reynolds. We'll learn how our local weather teams track and relay information with a veteran in the field.

YOGA WITH JULIA

Wednesday, April 16 • 6 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center **R**

Explore breath and movement in this teen-centered yoga session led by Library Director Julia Turpin. Bring a yoga mat; one will be provided if you need it.

Music Heals with PJ

Wednesday, May 7 • 6 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center **R**

Relax, recenter, and express yourself during this music therapy-inspired session with local musician and music therapist PJ Boyajian.

ESCAPE ROOM: GET OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Wednesday, May 14 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Bring your friends and hurry to the spaceship's control room in time for launch! You'll have 30 minutes to solve puzzles and use clues to escape the room (and the planet).



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Teen Advisory Board

Wednesdays, March 26 / April 30 / May 28 • 6:30 p.m.
Teen Space

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is open to anyone ages 12-18 interested in helping make the Library's Teen Space a safe and exciting place. TAB meets once a month to share ideas for the Teen Space, collection, programming, and vision for the future.

ASH PATSEL is a high school junior who's been a TAB member for the last few years. She began using the Library—checking out books and coming to teen events—when her family moved to East Tennessee in 2021. When it became clear how much Ash loved the Library, our teen librarian encouraged her to join TAB.

We talked with Ash recently about what being a TAB member means to her. She said that participating in the group has helped her grow both personally and interpersonally.

"I've learned how to work with others, which I'd never really done before," she said. "I get to hear my friends' ideas and share my own. We all listen to each other."

"Expressing my thoughts and opinions doesn't come naturally to me," Ash continued, "but I've learned how to do that at TAB. I feel accepted, so I can embrace and run with my ideas."

Ash's favorite part of TAB is the sense of belonging it has brought her. She said that when she moved to the area, between starting a new school and the COVID pandemic, it was hard to meet other teens. TAB became a place where she was able to build friendships over shared interests and values. "This group gave me a community," Ash said, "which is something I didn't have before."

Interested in joining TAB? Come to the next meeting and find out what it's all about!



Teen and Tween Events

Your Library's teen and tween events are a great way to introduce older kids to the Teen Space, programs, and resources. Kids get to interact with our Teen staff through these cross-over events, which makes tweens' transition easier and more fun as they age up into middle and high school.

Teen & Tween Book Club

>> The first 10 people who register for Book Club get a free book!

"THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF COYOTE SUNRISE"

Wednesday, March 12 • 6 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 10-16 explore the heartfelt novel "The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise" by Dan Gemeinhart. We'll discuss Coyote's journey and do an activity that celebrates our own adventures.

"GREGOR THE OVERLANDER"

Monday, April 28 • 6 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 10-16 discuss "Gregor the Overlander" by Suzanne Collins. This unforgettable novel is rich with suspense and adventure. After we dive into the story, we'll do a terrarium-inspired craft.

Cartographers: D&D Map-Making

Wednesday, May 21 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 10-18 become fantasy cartographers in this tabletop RPG map-making session. You'll take on geography and fantasy worldbuilding to create planes for your own gameplay. All materials will be provided.

Family Events



READ ACROSS AMERICA: ELEPHANT & PIGGIE SHOW

Wednesday, March 5 • 10:30 a.m. / Thursday, March 6 • 4 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center **T**

Ages 3-8 watch interactive skits of Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie stories. Kids will get to sing along and act silly with their beloved children's librarians.



BUILDING WITH THE LIONS

Saturdays, March 8 / April 12 / May 10 • 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **D**

Work together with your family to build creations with LEGO blocks and other materials. This program is facilitated by the Johnson City Lions Club.

POKÉMON TRADING CARD DAY

Saturdays, March 29 / April 26 / May 31 • 2-3 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **D**

Kids of all ages can trade Pokémon and other cards.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Monday, April 14 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **D**

Bring your whole family for some game night fun! The Library provides board and video games for you to play together.

Stories with the Symphony

Monday, May 19 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **T**

Listen to beloved children's stories brought to life by Johnson City Symphony Orchestra members. Your family will enjoy the combination of children's books with classical selections, sound effects, and hands-on learning for young children.



Event Key

- R** Registration required at jcpl.org
- T** Ticket required; pick up at Children's Desk upon arrival
- D** Drop in any time during program

School Age Events



READING PAWS

Mondays, March 3 / April 7 / May 5 • 4 p.m.
Saturdays, March 15 / April 19 / May 17 • 11 a.m.

Ages 5-12 read aloud to a trained listening dog for 15 minutes in the Children's Library. **R**

ART EXPLORERS

Fridays, March 14 / April 11 / May 9
4 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 8-12 explore a famous artist's work at each session, sparking creativity and discovery. Young artists will create a take-home craft inspired by the featured art style.

GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

Mondays, March 17 / April 21
6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 8-12 discover graphic novels in a book club format. Hear about your librarians' favorite titles, do drawing exercises, and share recommendations with other graphic novel fans.

BOOK WORMS: CONTAINER PLANTING

Thursday, April 3 • 4 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 5-8 hear a story, then take part in a hands-on element that "digs in" to the text. Kids will do a container planting activity led by the Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council.

FIDDLE N' FUN WITH MISTER JOEL

Tuesday, April 15 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **T**

Ages 6-12 enjoy a lively music workshop with singing, dancing, guitar, and percussion. Kids will try out fiddling techniques using 'Fiddlestix' and learn violin basics through original songs, covers, parodies, and listening exercises.

SNAP CIRCUITS WITH ICODE TRI-CITIES

Friday, May 2 • 4 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **R**

Ages 8-12 join iCode Tri-Cities instructors for a fun, interactive workshop exploring Snap Circuits. Discover STEM concepts, learn coding without computers, and experiment with conductors and nonconductors in this interactive class.

Families Living Greener

Tuesday, April 22 • 6 p.m. • Jones Meeting Center **T**

Families can celebrate Earth Day at this workshop about sustainability and living greener. You'll discover simple ways to make eco-friendly choices as a family and create a fun recycled craft together. This program is a collaboration with the Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council.



Early Literacy at Your Library

DID YOU KNOW that children under age 5 who are read to on a regular basis—even for 15 minutes a day—are three times more likely to succeed throughout their entire educational journey? And the benefits don't stop with academic performance; being read to positively shapes children's emotional, intellectual, and social abilities for the rest of their lives.

Reading to kids is a practice that builds their early literacy skills. "Early literacy" refers not to a child learning to read, but to the foundation that is laid beforehand. Before preschoolers learn to read, they need to develop capabilities in a variety of areas to make reading possible.

These foundational skills include the ability to speak and understand words; to recognize letters, shapes, and patterns in sound; to learn new words; and to comprehend stories and informational text. The practice of being read to—of hearing a story—is just one aspect of building a child's literacy skills.

The process of cultivating a child's literacy skills begins at birth and continues through the first few years of their life. Research shows that from ages 0-3, kids' brains are creating one million neural connections per second! These connections are built and strengthened through repetition and wide-ranging sensory experiences such as sight, touch, and sound.

Before babies' brains have fully developed, the optimal way they learn and explore the world is through their senses. With this in mind, your Library uses an initiative called Every Child Ready to Read to create our preschool programming. This literacy approach emphasizes five sensory practices to prepare kids: playing, singing, talking, reading, and writing.

You'll find these practices woven through every program we offer for preschoolers and their families. Our Children's Library intentionally designs and puts on preschool events that, while playful and fun, are also research-based and educational.

» **Preschool Play Lab** is one example of a sensory program that nurtures development. Kids explore stations with common household items that create sensory experiences, including playdough, tubs of dry beans and rice, plastic items, boxes, kitchen utensils, and crafts. This hands-on play—which can easily be replicated at home—encourages discovery, curiosity, and creativity. Plus, kids get to play with others and build social skills.

Our children's librarians get to be the "fun aunts" in the educational family. They have the privilege of creating entertaining programs that make kids happy; they provide stories and activities that engage kids' senses. Meanwhile, kids are learning and growing their literacy skills, and getting ready to discover the joy of reading for themselves.



Preschool Play Lab

Monday, April 14 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Jones Meeting Center **D**

Ages 3-5 years dive into a world of sensory exploration through hands-on discovery play. This kind of play is designed to ignite creativity and curiosity.

Preschool Storytimes

Event Key

- D** Drop in any time during program
- T** Ticket required; pick up at Children's Desk upon arrival

MUSIC MORNING

**Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 3
10 and 11 a.m.**

Jones Meeting Center **T**

Ages birth-5 years enjoy singing and dancing. Engaging in music and movement promotes early literacy skills and fosters creative expression.

BABIES & BOOKS

**Wednesdays* • 9:30 a.m.
Jones Meeting Center** **T**

Lapsit storytime with songs, rhymes, books, and sensory activities. Recommended for ages birth-18 months.

READ & ROMP

**Wednesdays and Thursdays* • 10:30 a.m.
King Commons Natural Adventure Area**

Outdoor storytime with books and songs for active preschoolers. Recommended for ages 19-36 months.

LITTLE LISTENERS

**Wednesdays and Thursdays* • 11 a.m.
Storytime Room** **T**

Storytime with longer books, songs, and crafts. Recommended for ages 3-5 years.

***Does NOT meet:** March 5 and 6 / April 2 and 3

There are no storytimes in May after Saturday, May 3. Our Children's Library staff will be hard at work all month getting ready for Summer Reading!



Bilingual Storytime

**Saturdays, March 1 /
April 5 / May 3
11 a.m.**

Storytime Room **T**

Storytime for families led by native Spanish speaker Mar Carter. Stories, conversations, and activities are presented in English and Spanish to increase bilingual literacy. Recommended for ages 2-6 years.



"**Bilingual Storytime** is a vital and enriching experience for our community's kids. We're thrilled to offer this program because it cultivates understanding and curiosity. It helps prepare children for a world in which cultural and linguistic agility are so important."

Suzy Bomgardner, Assistant Director of Children's Services

Little Musicians

Select Fridays* • 10:30 a.m. • Jones Meeting Center **T**

Ages 3-5 years build musical literacy and increase gross motor skills through rhythmic activities and songs led by Johnson City Symphony Orchestra members.

*Scan the QR code for exact dates.



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Color Me!

Tag @johnsoncitypubliclibrary on Instagram to share your creation with us.

JUNE 2-JULY 26

Pre-registration opens Monday, May 5!

Visit jcpl.org/summer-reading or scan the QR code.



Inspiring the Next Generation *Librarians in Training*

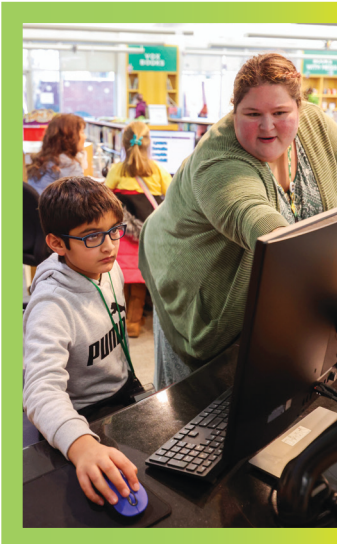
Your Library's Librarian-in-Training (LIT) program is for kids ages 10-12 who want to learn what it's like to work in a library. Kids apply in December, then begin in January. The LIT class of 2025 will "graduate" this April.



Throughout the 13-week program, kids visit every department to experience the unique and varied jobs that a library offers. In the process, they get a comprehensive view of how the organization's pieces fit together and support each other.

The students cycle through User Services, Teen Services, Children's Library, Collections Services, Circulation, Administration, and Marketing. They work on a project with staff, such as checking in books, designing event flyers, creating book displays, and even attend a board meeting to get a peek into library governance.

Children's Librarian Kalyn Webb said, "There are so many jobs you can do in a library—there's more variation than people think."



"Our hope is that through the program we can help inspire the next generation of library employees and advocates," Webb explained. "I would love for their appreciation of libraries to grow and help them become future librarians!"

Ashlee Budds' daughter, Annabelle, participated in LIT last year and experienced this firsthand.

Budds explained, "Annabelle said before we found out about LIT that she wanted to be a librarian when she grew up. This group showed her all the different aspects the job could entail, and that becoming a librarian is possible. LIT gave Annabelle confidence to pursue her dream career!"



Annabelle shared, "I loved being behind the scenes and in backrooms I didn't know were there. It made me feel like I was actually working there, doing the job of a librarian. It gave me experience and helped make my dream grow."

Staff Spotlight

Your Library has several aspiring librarians on staff in our User Services department! They all attend University of Tennessee, Knoxville and are pursuing Master of Science in Information Sciences degrees.

Amber Brophy

"I've always wanted to be a librarian thanks to a lifelong love of reading and learning. Working at the Library shows me the many ways libraries empower communities."



Claire Harlock

"I'm a book lover who began volunteering at my daughter's school library. I now find fulfillment in connecting people with information at Johnson City Public Library."



Andrea Hyder

"I'm passionate about helping people navigate available resources and empowering them to use their knowledge to make educated choices."



A Conversation with Sharyn McCrumb

» Interview continued from page 5

You often weave history and folklore—how do you approach blending fact with fiction?

Often I keep the fact and fiction separate within the same book. I'll depict the historical part of the book as accurately as I'm able, at a distance of a century or more. Then interspersed within the narrative, I will include segments set in the present that feature fictional characters.

You see this in "Ghost Riders," my novel about the Civil War in the North Carolina/Tennessee mountains. Spencer Arrowood, in contemporary time, is trying to find information about the last man killed in the Civil War, a Union soldier who shares his last name. Spencer is a fictional character, but the research he does and the soldier he's looking for are real.

Often I'll add the historical facts I have to a fictional narrative. I take my best guess—based on careful research—to render dialogue and descriptions that make the people and places come alive for the reader.

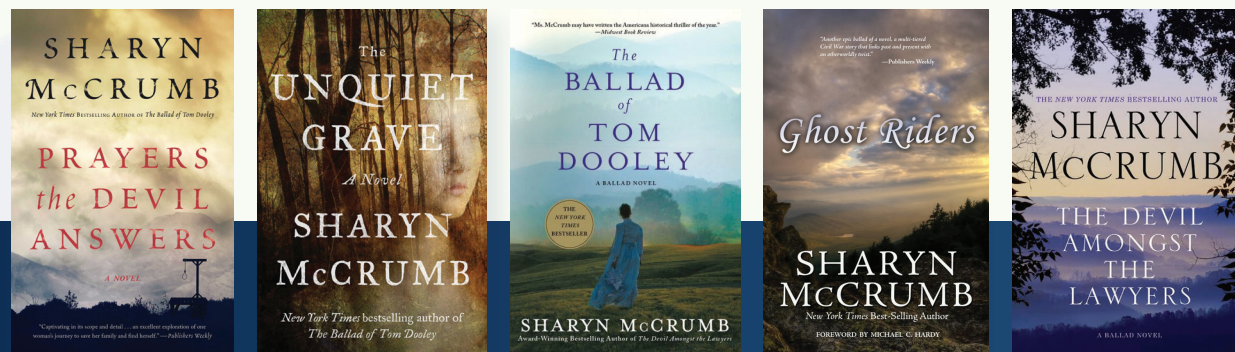
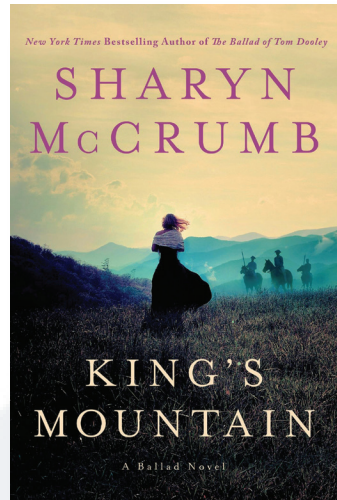
For instance, in "King's Mountain" I took facts about a real person, Virginia Paul, and gave her an imaginative interpretation. She was a redheaded laundress for the British commander Major Patrick Ferguson in the Revolutionary War. Virginia Paul told the Overmountain Men how to identify Major Ferguson before the battle of King's Mountain, then hurried down the mountain and "vanished" according to historical accounts. No more is heard of her.

I knew that according to tradition, Major Ferguson's Scottish clan had a family banshee. Highland folklore says that banshees can appear as pretty, redheaded young women and are often sighted washing bloody clothes in a forest stream. Virginia Paul was a pretty redhead, and she was a laundress with an active military regiment. Washing bloody clothes in a forest stream? I should think she would.

If you look closely at Virginia Paul in "King's Mountain," you'll find that she's not human. In scene after scene there are little indications of her supernatural knowledge and power. I didn't change the facts of the historical Virginia Paul, but I took what I knew and inserted my interpretation.

What have you learned about human nature through the characters you've brought to life?

What has impressed me about the real people I have written about is their shared trait of perseverance. The historical figures in my books were frontiersmen. They had little education and no powerful network to ensure their success. All they had was determination, hard work, and a firm dedication to their goals.



« Borrow McCrumb's "Ballad" novels at jcpl.org.

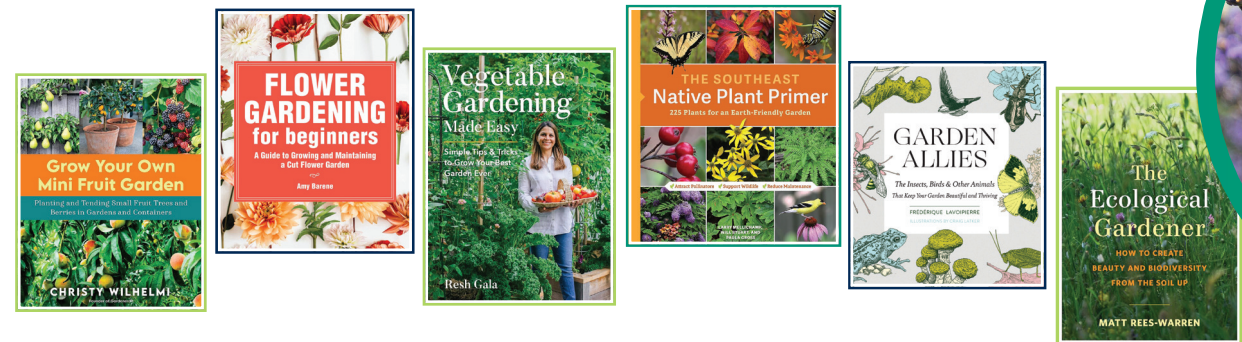
Hear more from Sharyn McCrumb...

Author Talk

Thursday, May 15 • 6 p.m.
Jones Meeting Center

Let us help with your garden this spring!

Whether you're growing vegetables, flowers, or trees, your Library has how-to books to help you create biodiverse, pollinator-friendly, and high-yield gardens. Check out a few of our favorites titles; you can find more gardening books and place holds at jcpl.org.



Have you visited our pollinator garden? (The bees love it!)

Earth Day WORD SEARCH

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A	N	I	M	A	L	E	U	D	I	W	R	O	H	G	P	Y	N
C	B	G	I	G	F	E	C	O	S	Y	S	T	E	M	X	P	E
Y	U	G	P	J	X	X	H	I	T	I	N	U	S	B	A	V	T

How many can you find?

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- Air
- Animal
- Biodiversity
- Climate
- Compost
- Ecosystem
- Energy
- Flower
- Green
- Ocean
- Planet
- Pollinate
- Recycle
- Seeds
- Soil
- Solar
- Sun
- Sustainable
- Volunteer
- Water

Friends of the Johnson City Public Library



The Friends of the Johnson City Public Library is a group of supporters dedicated to the welfare of the Library. They raise funds through membership and book sales. The group's contributions help fund author talks and storytelling events, staff professional development, and the Scholastic book bucks that kids earn during Summer Reading (to name just a few!).

Spending book bucks at Scholastic Book Fair

Join the Friends at jcpl.org/friends.

Storytelling with Megan Wells



Assistant Directors Wendy Day and Suzy Bomgardner attending the Chamber's Leadership Johnson City series

Spring Book Sale

Mark your calendars, because you won't want to miss this huge selection of gently used books and media at unbeatable prices!

Friday, April 25 | 5:30-7 p.m.

Friends members enjoy early access at this special preview sale.

Saturday, April 26 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Saturday sale is open to the public. You'll find every genre of books and media for all ages and interests.

Sunday, April 27 | 1-3 p.m.

The Sunday sale is open to the public and includes a \$5 bag sale. Bring any size bag or pick one up at the door, then fill it for only \$5!

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Friends' 2024 Fast Facts

188 members

1,175 volunteer hours

\$35,570 donated to Library



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